


REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 41. The attached Appendix shows the added language to claim 41 by underlining. The amendment makes certain language in claim 41 more consistent with language in pending claim 23. The amendment is not made for patentability purposes and does not narrow the scope of the claim. Applicants have also added claim 42. Claims 22 to 25 and 37 to 42 are presently pending and under consideration.

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Appendix to Amendment (March 1, 2002)**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

41. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a DNA sequence encoding an interleukin-1 inhibitor (IL-1i), having interleukin-1 (IL-1) inhibitory activity, wherein said polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of:

A) a polypeptide comprising all or an IL-1 inhibitory fragment of the amino acid sequence:

(U) (X) P S G R K S S K M Q A F R I W D V N Q K T F Y L R N
N Q L V A G Y L Q G P N V N L E E K I D V V P I E P H A
L F L G I H G G K M C L S C V K S G D E T R L Q L E A V
N I T D L S E N R K Q D K R F A F I R S D S G P T T S F
E S A A C P G W F L C T A M E A D Q P V S L T N M P D E
G V M V T K F Y F Q E D E

wherein (U) is M or nothing and (X) is R or P; and

B) a polypeptide that is at least about 90% homologous to the amino acid sequence set forth in A).

Please add the following new claim:

42. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 41, comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an amino acid sequence that is at least about 90% homologous to the following amino acid sequence:

(U) (X) P S G R K S S K M Q A F R I W D V N Q K T F Y L R N
N Q L V A G Y L Q G P N V N L E E K I D V V P I E P H A

L F L G I H G G K M C L S C V K S G D E T R L Q L E A V
N I T D L S E N R K Q D K R F A F I R S D S G P T T S F
E S A A C P G W F L C T A M E A D Q P V S L T N M P D E
G V M V T K F Y F Q E D E

wherein (U) is M or nothing and (X) is R.

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